

FIRST MACKEREL FARE THIS YEAR.

Sch. Victor, Capt. John W. McFarland,
Lands Fare at Lewes, Del.

Has 450 Large Fish Which Will
Probably Sell at About \$1 Each.

The first fresh mackerel fare of the season is landed. Sch. Victor, Capt. John W. McFarland, is the fortunate craft to do the trick. She is in at Lewes, Delaware Breakwater, this morning, with 450 large fresh mackerel.

The Victor is among the last of the fleet to get away, sailing a week ago today. Evidently Capt. McFarland did not go very far south and



CAPT. JOHN W. MCFARLAND,
Who Lands First Mackerel Fare of
the Season.

struck the fish somewhere off the Delaware capes. The trip was landed this morning, and carefully iced in barrels and shipped to Chesebro Brothers, Fulton Market, New York. They will bring a fancy price, probably around the one dollar apiece mark.

Many have thought that never before has there been a season when the fleet went south that a trip of mackerel was not landed in April, but the records show that in 1871 the first fare was landed May 2, while in 1873 the first fare was brought in on May 1. In 1874 it was even later, for the first fare that year did not show up until May 4. In 1872 the first trip came in April 30 and in 1875, April 30 was the earliest date. In recent years the latest first trip outside of the present one was in 1899, when two netters got small catches before any of the seiners had got a fish and landed them at Lewes, Delaware Breakwater. The other noticeably late first landing, in recent years was in 1887, when the first fare reported on April 22.

Mackerel Reported Schooling in Latitude of Hog Island.

A dispatch to the Times this morning from its correspondent at Fortress Monroe states that word has been received there of mackerel schooling in the latitude of Hog Island. The report was brought in by some craft harboring there. Evidently there is little likelihood of any fares being landed at Fortress Monroe this season as the fish by this time must have got by, so that Lewes and New York would be more handy places to which to run with a catch.

Capt. Charles H. Harty, who has been at Fortress Monroe since early in the season, in the interest of Wilson & Barry, will leave there today and go to Fulton Market to take up work there for the same concern in the fresh mackerel line.

The largest shipment of fresh mackerel received this season reached New York Saturday. One hundred fish from Chincoteague, Va., brought \$1 each, and were divided up between Chesebro Bros., George T. Moon Co., Wilson & Barry, Galilee Fish Co., P. W. Cole and Eldred & Haley.

FISHING VESSEL WRECKED.

Sch. Etta M. Story of Fairhaven
Ashore on Block Island in Fog.

During a thick fog which obscured the coast early yesterday, the Fairhaven fishing schooner Etta M. Story piled up on southeastern point of Block Island a total wreck. Her crew of 16 men made their way through the easy breakers to shore and thence to the New Shoreham life saving station without suffering injury.

Those aboard the little vessel say they could barely see their hands before them so impenetrable was the fog. The wind was southerly and they had no idea they were so near land, they say. But when they felt their vessel scraping bottom a rush was made to clear her. It was too late, however, and she piled up on the rocks. The Etta M. Story is owned by E. M. Kelley of Fairhaven.

Many Fish Landed at Port Clyde, Me., for Canning Factories.

The fishermen have been very, very busy to the eastward, according to Capt. Fred Fides of sch. Mabel, which came in Friday. Capt. Fides returned from a trip around the canning factories, and he said that business is running full blast with them. At Port Clyde, in particular, there is an immense amount of fish being landed. He said that from one Sunday to the next Tuesday 500,000 pounds of cod, haddock and cusk were deposited in the wharves. This is more fish of this kind that has been landed in Portland all during the present spring. While the prices being paid are low, the fishermen are landing such big fares that they are doing well financially and the factories are putting up every pound of fish they can get hold of.

Steamer Collided With Schooner at T Wharf.

Considerable excitement was caused at T wharf yesterday when the quarter rail of the fishing sch. Gladys and Sabra was carried away by the fishing steamer King Philip, which crashed into her, stern first, while leaving Commercial wharf for her daily trip to the fishing grounds. The Gladys and Sabra had just fitted out for a trip and was awaiting two of her crew.

The King Phillip was coming out from her berth alongside Commercial wharf and was headed bow in to the end of the wharf, when suddenly the engines apparently reversed and she bore in to the schooner, crushing the rail for a dozen feet in down as far as the deck.

Pollock Fares at Portland.

Two good pollock fares here Friday, the sloop Isabel Parsons bringing in 16,000 pounds, while the sloop Alice G. York landed nearly 10,000 pounds. Both catches were made off Half Way Rock, and as several other vessels were fishing in that locality yesterday, a good catch, probably resulted. With warmer and settled weather, it is expected that the fish will soon show up as plentiful as in former years.

Halibut Sales.

Sch. Mertis H. Perry was at Portland Saturday with 15,000 pounds of halibut, which sold to Trelethen & Company at seven cents per pound right through.

The fare of sch. Yakima, the same size as that of the Perry, sold here Saturday at 9½ cents for white and 8 cents for gray. Once again, "Gloucester isn't the worst place in the world to sell halibut."

MANY VARIETIES AT T WHARF.

MORE FISH AT BOSTON THAN THE
DEALERS CARE FOR AT PRESENT DEMAND.

T wharf has everything in the fish line this morning from haddock to sole. In all there are 30 trips in at the pier and some of them are big ones. There is more fish in sight than the dealers want, even at the lowest kind of prices, so quite a lot of the off-shore stock will go to split and some of it is booked to go to Gloucester.

Sch. Manhasset, Capt. William Harding, has the biggest fare of the season, 150,000 pounds of fresh fish, 70,000 of which are cod, and 2000 pounds of halibut beside. The most of this fare will go to Gloucester for the splitters, as also will the trip of sch. Mary B. Greer, 75,000 pounds of fresh fish. Sch. Matthew S. Greer sold her fare at the wharf.

Another big catch is that brought in by sch. Catherine and Ellen, 126,000 pounds, 115,000 pounds of which are hake.

Quite a number of the fresh drifters are in and most of them have good trips but struck a very low market. Schs. Helen B. Thomas and Warren M. Goodspeed have good hake and cusk catches.

As far as prices go there is nothing to it, except on shore haddock, which are bringing \$2.50. Off-shore haddock are selling at \$1.35 for the best of them, while all codfish are only splitting prices and even less, for they sold at \$2 and \$2.25 for large. Hake brought \$1.15 to \$1.50, cusk \$1.75 to \$2 and pollock \$2. Halibut sold for several prices, 6 cents being low on gray while 11 cents was high on white.

There was quite a bit of halibut in, some 20,000 pounds in all, sch. Philip P. Manta, of the Provincetown fleet having 9000 pounds, while another Provincetowner, sch. William A. Morse, had 5000.

Beside the halibut the flat fish market received some more goods in the shape of 10,000 pounds of sole from the steam trawler Ripple.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 6500 haddock, 13,000 cod, 1500 hake.
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 7000 cod, 34,000 hake, 10,000 cusk.
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 10,000 cod, 20,000 hake, 16,000 cusk.
Sch. Viking, 25,000 cod, 800 halibut.
Sch. Olympia, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Mina Swim, 1000 haddock, 29,000 cod.
Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 29,000 cod.
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 13,000 cod.
Sch. Eva Avina, 2500 cod.
Sch. Ignatius Enos, 3000 cod.
Sch. Olivia Sears, 3000 cod.
Sch. Athena, 34,000 haddock, 24,000 cod, 800 pollock.
Sch. Ripple, 44,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2000 pollock, 11,000 soles.
Sch. Manhasset, 20,000 haddock, 70,000 cod, 20,000 hake, 40,000 cusk, 2000 halibut.
Sch. Hope, 34,000 cod, 500 pollock.
Sch. Terra Nova, 16,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 15,000 hake, 3000 cusk, 1000 halibut.
Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 6000 cod, 115,000 hake, 500 cusk.
Sch. Squanto, 30,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 20,000 cusk.
Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 60,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, 40,000 haddock, 27,000 cod, 8000 cusk, 1000 halibut.
Sch. Philip P. Manta, 16,000 cod, 9000 halibut.
Sch. Nettie Franklin, 15,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 24,000 haddock, 31,000 cod, 3000 cusk, 5000 halibut.
Sch. William A. Morse, 30,000 haddock, 11,000 cod.
Sch. Rose Standish, 20,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 14,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Edith Silveira, 12,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 3000 haddock, 19,000 cod.
Sch. Esther Gray, 5000 haddock, 4700 cod.
Sch. Emerald, 4500 haddock, 2700 cod.
Haddock, \$1.35 to \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2 to \$2.25; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2; hake, \$1.15 to \$1.50; cusk, \$1.75 to \$2; pollock, \$2; halibut, 5 cts. per lb. for gray and 11 cents for white.

BAIT SITUATION ERRATIC.

Herring Strike in at Cape Cod Ports Intermittently.

The bait situation is erratic. On Thursday and Friday, bait was very scarce at Provincetown, on Saturday there was plenty and again Sunday it was scarce there. This morning it is also reported scarce there. On Saturday sch. Harmony, which was about the only craft there, had no difficulty in getting a big baiting, 90 barrels of fresh herring.

There are plenty of herring now at North Truro. A. Hughes wires the Times this morning that quite a large fleet baited there Saturday and that again today, herring are plenty there.

May 1.

Digby, N. S. Fish Notes

Sch. Loran B. Snow, Capt. Joseph Snow, looking very neat in her summer rig, sailed from Digby Monday night for fishing.

Sch. Dorothy M. Smart, Capt. Harry Ross, sailed from Digby for the fishing grounds Tuesday morning, and presented a yacht-like appearance in her summer rig.

The fishing vessels have all left port with the exception of sch. Alcyone at the Maritime Fish Co.'s wharf at the Racquette and sch. Wilfred L. Snow at the Nova Scotia Fish Company's wharf, Water street.

May 2.

SCH. ARKONA ASHORE.

Floated by Tug Without Damage
Except Partial Loss of Shoe.

Sch. Arkona, Capt. Newman Wharton, one of the trawl salt bank fleet of this port, went ashore in Louisburg, C. B., harbor last evening, but fortunately was floated by the steamer Douglass H. Thomas, the big tow-boat, which happened to be there at the time.

The Arkona is thought to have suffered no damage beyond the loss of part of her shoe, but Capt. Wharton will take her to North Sydney and haul out on the ways to see if there is any further damage and to repair the shoe. The craft has 100,000 pounds of salt cod on board.

No particulars have been received of the accident, but it is supposed that she either dragged ashore during a breeze of wind, or was carried ashore by the ice-floe.

Finding Cockles Scarce.

The Rips fishermen, who use cockles exclusively, have hard work to get what is needed. Why the cockles are scarce is not understood, as there is no better paying business for people along the shore than taking them. The fishermen are paying from 90 cents to \$1 a bucket for the shellfish, averaging about 200 to the bucket, or a half-cent each.

Clams are not so much in demand, but the boat fishermen still use them, and some of the cod fishermen as well. Sea clams, however, are what they want.

Steam Trawler Crest Sails on Maiden Trip Today.

The new beam trawler Crest arrived at T wharf yesterday afternoon from the Fore River yard, Quincy, where she was built. She took on supplies and ice, and then went to East Boston to coal. The Crest leaves today on her maiden trip. While on the same lines as the Spray, the Crest is a big improvement over her. Captain Michael Green, who brought the Spray out, and commanded in turn the Foam and Ripple has taken command of the Crest.

Salt Fish Market.

The market for this line is in a very strong condition, prices being high and firm, with an upward tendency, if anything. One large exporter stated this week that he had not seen prices higher in a great many years. Owing to the scarcity of fish they are likely to undergo little change for some time to come.—New York Fishing Gazette.

Reports No Ice.

Steamer Montcalm, Capt. Bellanger, arrived at Louisburg, C. B., on Wednesday, and reports no ice on voyage from Quebec and Cape Ray; heavy field ice from St. Paul's Island and Scatterie extending about 20 miles to N. E. from Flat Point, five miles N. E. from Flint Island and five miles N. E. from Scatterie; no ice from Scatterie Island to Louisburg.

WILL TRY NEW FISHING METHOD

Sch. Teazer Fitted For Long Line Fishing Practised by English Trawlers.

Trawl Will Be Set From the Vessel Instead of From Dories.

Sch. Teazer, Capt. Peter Dunskey, sailed on a halibut trip yesterday afternoon, fitted to catch fish as never before was a schooner hailing from this port. Capt. Dunskey is to try what is known as the "long line" fishing, as practiced by the English trawlers on the Iceland fishing grounds.

The Teazer has been in port for some time, getting ready and has been fitted with a 70 horse-power Globe gasoline engine, for auxiliary power and also carries a five horse power Hettinger gasoline engine for the hauling in of the long trawl.

This trip is in the nature of an experiment, and Capt. Dunskey is taking dories with him, so that he can set and haul the usual length skates of trawl in the usual way, should the new plan not prove successful. The captain, however, who is very familiar with the long line style of fishing, is confident that it will work all right.

Should it prove successful on this preliminary trip, the craft will then be fitted with the regular steel wire ground line for the trawls instead of the 15-thread Manila line, which he is taking on this trip, and instead of running one and two miles in a string, Capt. Dunskey proposes to run five miles and even more in one line.

Method of Fishing To Be Tried On the Trip.

For this experimental trip, the Manila ground line, which will be used will be 1 1/4 inches in diameter, and 15 thread. It will be about two miles in length, with seven foot gangings, 12 feet apart.

For the setting of this long trawl, a long galvanized trough, 14 feet long, 12 inches wide at the delivering end and 3 1/2 feet wide on the receiving end, with the sides four inches in height, will be used. This is not made stationary, but is in three sections, and will be used over either quarter. The trawl will be fed into it and will thus slip into the sea and down on to the fishing bottom. The method of buoying the ends is the same as with an ordinary trawl.

For the hauling of the trawl the gasoline engine, placed snug against the starboard rail, just forward of the pall post and clear of the windlass arms, will be used. This engine, which is completely housed in, is fitting with an arm which goes through the bulwarks of the craft and has on the end a revolving iron roller, in fact it acts as a regular winch, the same as a fisherman's gurdy, now used in dories for hauling trawls.

Over this roller, the trawl will be given a turn and come up to it through a part open fair leader, which will permit the gangings to run clear. The engine will do the hauling and some of the crew will take the slack along the rail from the roller, being assisted in this by two or three fair leaders, placed along the side, so that the strain of the weight of the fish up out of the water will not be so great as to lose any of them. After running through the fair leaders, the trawl will be taken on deck just forward of the main rigging and the fish taken off there.

While the trawl is being hauled, the vessel will be sent ahead under her auxiliary power just fast enough so that the trawl will be hauled as near straight up and down as possible and not on a long angle or incline.

Success of Experiment Means Change in Catching Halibut.

The experiment of Capt. Dunskey will be watched with the greatest interest. If successful, it will mean the doing away entirely with the use of dories on halibut trips, for crafts thus fitted and a reduction in the loss of life of fishermen.

It will also mean probably smaller crews than are now carried.

With this new fishing apparatus, Capt. Dunskey figures that he cannot only run more trawls, but that he can set and haul them in weather which would not permit the setting of the usual trawls from a dory, and this idea, carried to its logical conclusion, would mean larger and quicker trips with less danger of loss of life and possibly at a considerable less expense than the average halibut trip under the present mode of fishing.

LATE ICE AT CAPE SHORE.

Tied Up Vessels at Whitehead and Forced Craft Ashore.

The vessels along the farther Cape Shore and Cape Breton coasts are having most unusual trouble with the ice floe, which is hanging on unusually late along those shores. Week before last, an easterly wind packed the ice in at Canso and beside closing many Nova Scotia and American fishing vessels in at that port for several days, did much damage to small boats and fishing gear set in that vicinity.

Now the ice is again closing in on the coast and bringing lots of trouble in its train. A Halifax dispatch says that broken ice has forced the French trawler Valkyrie ashore at Long Beach, near Port Hawkesbury, and also tied up 23 fishing vessels at Whitehead. The steamer Hero was forced to anchor at Mulgrave and the steamer Nordcap was forced to make Louisburg to escape being driven ashore by the ice pack.

Pensacola Fish Notes.

Twelve vessels arrived at Pensacola during the week, says the Fishing Gazette 11 carrying red snapper and groupers, while the remaining one was light.

The 11 vessels had a total of 142,000 pounds of fish, of which 143,000 were red snapper, and 19,000 pounds grouper.

Arrivals were:

Warren Fish Co., smack Ariola, 18,000 pounds red snapper; smack Chicopee, 14,000 lbs. red snapper, 6000 lbs. grouper; smack Mineola, 5000 lbs. red snapper; smack Mary L. Harty, 13,000 lbs. red snapper, 5000 lbs. grouper; smack Halcyon, 12,000 lbs. red snapper.

E. E. Saunders & Co., smack Carrie B. Welles, 14,000 lbs. red snapper, 4000 lbs. grouper; smack Lottie S. Haskins, 27,000 lbs. red snapper; smack Wallace McDonald, 8000 lbs. red snapper, 2000 lbs. grouper; smack Ruth A. Welles, 22,000 lbs. red snapper and 2000 lbs. grouper; smack Frances Louise, 10,000 lbs. red snapper.

Enormous quantities of Spanish mackerel are being caught and landed at the fish houses of the Warren Fish Co., and E. E. Saunders & Co. Some recent arrivals were: Nautilus, 11,000 lbs.; Hazel, 15,000 lbs. and Dixie, 17,000 lbs. Fishermen report that mackerel are running freely in East Pass. Indications are that the season will be a successful one. Sales are being made at 3 to 4 cents per pound.

Dominion Ice Report.

Friday, April 28:

Point Escuminac, Cape Tormentine, Port Hood, Cape Ray—No ice.

Cape Traverse—Light open ice.

Mulgrave—Very little ice.

Cheticamp—Very little ice.

Cheticamp—Strip light ice off shore.

Magdalen Islands—Heavy close packed ice everywhere, moving east.

Money Point—Light close packed inshore, moving east.

St. Paul's Island—Light, close packed inshore, moving south.

Flat Point—Heavy open ice inshore, heavy close packed ice distant.

Cape Race—Icebergs everywhere.

Point Armour—Heavy open ice everywhere, moving east.

Belle Isle—Light open ice everywhere, with icebergs.

C. G. S.—Earl Grey reports Eastern and Northumberland Straits full heavy drift ice, extending eight miles west of Gull Rock and right across the straits.

Montcalm reports arrived Bird Rocks this morning from Cape Ray, steering northwest by north magnetic and met about seven miles heavy loose packed ice in lat. 47.50 north, longitude 64.30 west, towards and southward of this position, ice was light and scattered, no ice north of Bird Rocks.

Will Be Launched Today.

The new sch. Gov. Foss will be launched today from the yard of Tarr & James at Essex. Tug Eveleth has gone up to tow her around to this port, where she will be rigged and fitted.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. J. J. Flaherty and Mystic were at Canso on Thursday ice bound and waiting a chance to get to sea.

OVERFLOW FROM BOSTON FLEET.

FORMED BULK OF FISH RECEIPTS AT THIS PORT THIS MORNING.

There are no arrivals from off-shore here today and the pollock seining fleet did not produce any fares.

Yesterday afternoon and during the night five of the haddock fleet brought down the major part of their fares for the splitters here, there being no sale for them at T wharf.

Sch. Catherine and Ellen brought down 100,000 pounds of hake, while the little sch. Catherine D. Enos had 20,000 pounds of nice new codfish.

Schs. Manhasset and Squanto, the former with 90,000 pounds and the latter with 70,000 pounds also came down.

During the forenoon schs. Sadie M. Nunan and Harriett came down here from Boston with good sized fares of fresh fish to split.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Catherine and Ellen, via Boston, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Terra Nova, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Manhasset, via Boston, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Squanto, via Boston, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Freedom, shore.

Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.

Sch. Georgianna, shore.

Sch. Little Fannie, shore.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Harriett, via Boston, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Olympia, via Boston.

Steamer Prince Olaf, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Weazel, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Nellie Dixon, via Boston.

Sch. Marjie Turner, via Portland.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Gov. Russell, dory handlining.

Sch. Arbutus, dory handlining.

Sch. Lucania, south mackerel seining.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.

Sch. Teazer, halibuting.

Sch. Monitor, halibuting.

Sch. Margaret, halibuting.

Sch. Appomattox, Rips.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Trawl bank codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.15.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.75; snappers, \$3.

Trawl, Georges codfish, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.

Haddock, \$1.25.

Pollock, \$2.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.75.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.25.

Large cod, \$2.35; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Peak fresh codfish, \$2.25 per cwt. for large and \$1.75 for mediums.

Cusk, large, \$1.75.

Hake, \$1.40.

Dressed pollock, \$1.25; round, \$1.15.

Halibut 9 1/2c per lb., for white and 7c for gray.

May 2.

Sch. Squanto Heeled Off.

Sch. Squanto, which came down from Boston last evening with fresh fish to split, heeled off badly at Davis Brothers wharf during the night and this morning it looked as though it would be quite a job to straighten her up. A lighter was put on her and with the rising tide she came up quite easily.

More Seiners Sailed.

Sch. Nellie Dixon, Capt. James Ellis, is here from Boston, for her boats and seines and will proceed south mackerel seining and then to the Cape Shore later.

Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch, sailed south mackerel seining yesterday afternoon.

Will Fit for Fresh Halibuting.

The Portland sch. Marjie Turner, which has been on two trips to Newfoundland during the past season and brought two cargoes of salt cod from there to Lord Brothers of Portland, is at this port to fit for fresh halibuting. The craft was commanded on her two Newfoundland voyages by Capt. Samuel Colson of this port, who will also command her in the halibut fishery.

Nova Scotia Lobsters at Boston.

The Yarmouth steamer unloaded yesterday morning 1003 crates of live lobsters for Boston dealers. This is not only on the Sunday boat, but the largest shipment on that boat for a long time, and seems to forecast a very big shipment on the steamer due Thursday next.

Sch. Elk at Portland.

Sch. Elk, Capt. Charles Colson, arrived at Portland this noon after a short Georges halibut trip, with a nice fare, 18,000 pounds of halibut, 20,000 pounds of salt cod and 17,000 pounds of fresh cod. The halibut brought either 8 or 8 1/2 cents for white and 6 1/2 cents for gray.

Portland Fish Notes.

Saturday and Sunday arrivals: Steamers Pet, with 1000 lbs. pollock; Ethier, 9000; E. N. Brown, 8000; sch. Mertis H. Perry, LeHave Banks, with 20,000 lbs. halibut and 6000 lbs. salt cod; sch. Fanny Reed, 10,000 lbs. fish; sch. Isa and Beulah, 2500 lobsters; sloops Defender, with 4000 lbs. fish; Maud B. Morse.

Fresh Mackerel at New York.

There are 800 large fresh mackerel at Fulton Market, New York, this morning, the 450 reported as being shipped by sch. Victor, probably being included in this lot. The fish sold this morning at 55 and 60 cents each.

Salt Mackerel Imports.

The imports of salt mackerel at Boston to date, of the catch of 1910 are 34,678 barrels, against 33,181 barrels in 1910 of the catch of 1909 and 43,812 barrels in 1909 to date, of the catch of 1908.

Bait at Edgartown.

Schs. Raymah, Elsie and Vanessa were at Edgartown Friday for bait. There were plenty of alewives there Monday.

Dory Handliners Sailed.

Two more of the dory handline cod fishing fleet have got away, schs. Gov. Russell and Arbutus sailing today.

BOSTON MARKET OVERSTOCKED.

MOST OF THE FISH AT T WHARF TODAY WILL GO TO THE SPLITTERS.

According to the T wharf report this morning, it looks as though there would be quite a parade of vessels, bound down here this afternoon with their fresh fish fares to split. There is no sale for off-shore fish today, and even some of the drifters reported yesterday with right alive codfish, had not sold up to this morning, and the chances were much against them marketing their trips.

Of the fares at the fish wharf this morning, which have arrived since last report, some 18 in all, the dealers are not even looking in the direction of the vessels from off-shore and several of the drifters have also been given the go-by. The market boats only have a handful altogether, but they have enough for the dealers and even the little sch. Emily Sears, with 20,000 pounds of nice live cod, will have to bring her trip here to split.

For what shore stock the dealers are taking, they are paying from \$1.50 to \$2.30 for haddock, \$2.30 to \$2.80 for large cod and \$1.80 to \$2 for market cod. There was no sale for hake, cusk or pollock.

There were several big fares at the wharf, the schooners having them being the Jeanette, Josie and Phebe, Mary Edith, John J. Fallon, Sadie M. Nunan, Alice M. Guthrie, Robert and Arthur and Harriett.

On the Yarmouth steamer yesterday morning was the first shipment of trap salmon from Nova Scotia this year. There was one barrel of the trap salmon, but 13 boxes of other salmon came also, making in all some 70 fish. The prices of the eastern salmon have gone down, and the fish are now within reach of the ordinary buyers.

New York quoted today fresh caught butterfish and weakfish or sea trout. The fish are in the market for the first time in sufficient numbers to be quoted. Whiting and the first tautog have been taken at the cape within the last few days, and sent to Boston.

The Italian dory fishermen at Boston are reaping a harvest now, and bring in from each trip to the fishing grounds just outside the harbor large catches of black back flounders and shore haddock and cod, for which they find a ready sale in wholesale houses.

For the week ending Friday night, there arrived at T Wharf, 71 trips of fresh fish aggregating 1,732,200 pounds against 68 arrivals with 1,716,100 pounds for the corresponding week last year.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, 1500 haddock, 20,000 cod, 600 pollock.

Sch. Jeanette, 50,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 6000 cusk, 4000 pollock, 2000 halibut.

Sch. Francis V. Sylvia, 20,000 haddock, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Josie and Phebe, 28,000 haddock, 34,000 cod, 2000 cusk, 1700 halibut.

Sch. Mary Edith, 5000 cod, 35,000 hake, 12,000 cusk.

Sch. John J. Fallon, 30,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 4000 cusk, 2000 halibut.

Sch. Actor, 11,000 haddock, 900 cod.

Sch. Emily Sears, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Morning Star, 3500 cod.

Sch. E. C. Hussey, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Good Luck, 14,000 cod.

Sch. Eva Avena, 2500 cod.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 3000 cod.

Sch. Ignatius Enos, 2500 cod.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 10,000 cod, 10,000 hake, 17,000 cusk.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 40,000 haddock, 33,000 cod, 4000 hake, 20,000 cusk, 1200 halibut.

Sch. Dixie, 3000 cod.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 11,000 cod, 35,000 hake, 20,000 cusk.

Sch. Harriett, 50,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 1500 halibut.

Shore haddock \$1.50 to \$2.30 per cwt.; shore large cod, \$2.30 to \$2.80; shore markets, \$1.80 to \$2; market is very dull; off shore fish and some shore and drift trips will go to split.

May 2.

Halibut Sales.

The fare of halibut of sch. Moow sold to the New England Fish Company and that of sch. Tacoma to the American Halibut Company. Sales were at 9 1-2 cents for white and 7 cents for gray.

SECURED PLACES AT THE MAGDALENS

GLOUCESTER MEN WILL HAVE CHARGE OF INAUGURATING FISH BUSINESS.

John Bentley and Otis Parsons of this city have gone to the Magdalen Islands, having accepted responsible positions there with the Eastern Canadian Fisheries Company, a big corporation recently formed and in which considerable local capital has been invested.

Both Mr. Bentley and Mr. Parsons have been connected with fish firms in this city in responsible positions for many years, of late years being with William F. Moore & Company. They are to take charge of the work of inaugurating the business of the new plant there in respect to taking in the fish and preparing them for market and instructing the corps of workmen they will have under them.

The new concern is capitalized for a very considerable amount and in event of reciprocity, would figure largely in the fish business, not only of Canada, but also of New England. The concern has bought, from another concern which held the property practically all of the Magdalen Islands, in fact some 65,000 acres, which is all of the group, excepting 16,000 acres which is reserved to the church. With the land naturally goes the rights to the very valuable in-shore fishing privileges.

May 3.

SPLITTERS GET SEVERAL FARES.

SOME BIG TRIPS LANDED HERE YESTERDAY FOR THE CURERS

Several trips came down here yesterday afternoon for the splitters. Sch. Olympia brought down 14,000 pounds of cod, and sch. Jeanette followed with 90,000 pounds mixed fish. Sch. Jorgina brought down her whole big catch of 125,000 pounds of fresh fish, which was caught in short order, as she was here only 12 days ago, with another big fare. Sch. Emily Sears brought down a 20,000 pounds lot of prime codfish, and sch. Mary Edith came along with 50,000 pounds of mixed fish.

Sch. Elk, which took out 20,000 pounds of halibut at Portland yesterday, got here during the night, bringing 20,000 pounds of salt cod and 15,000 pounds of fresh cod.

The pollockers brought no fish yesterday afternoon or this morning.

Sch. Harriett, which came down from Boston yesterday, and was reported as bringing down a big bunch of fish, did not bring any, as she took her fare all out in Boston.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Jeanette, via Boston, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Olympia, via Boston, 14,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Jorgina, via Boston, 125,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Emily Sears, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary Edith, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Elk, via Portland, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish, 20,000 lbs. salt cod.

Steamer Mindora, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Eagle, shore, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Prince Olaf, shore, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Weazel, shore, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, via Boston.

Steamer Geisha, pollock seining.

Sch. Esther Gray, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Catherine and Ellen, Boston.

Sch. Ramona, Georges handlining.

Sch. Independence, IL, south mackerel seining.

Sch. Speculator, Rips.

Sch. Norma, Rips.

Sch. Olympia, Rips.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, haddocking.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, haddocking.

Sch. Margaret, halibuting.

MACKEREL NETTER AT NEW YORK.

Sch. Massasoit Landed 39 Large Fish at Fulton Market.

Sch. Massasoit, Capt. Frank Nolan, arrived at Fulton Market dock, New York, yesterday, with the first mackerel netting trip of the season, bringing in 39 large fresh mackerel in count. The fish sold at the going price.

This morning there are 600 large fresh mackerel at Fulton Market from the traps at Chincoteague, selling at 60 cents each.

Last season the first netting fares of fresh mackerel came on April 25. On that day there were four trips in, one at New York, two at Delaware breakwater and one at Chincoteague. At New York was the netter Bernie and Bessie, Capt. McIntire, with 100 fresh mackerel, while at Chincoteague was the New York netter Clifton with 250 fish. Schs. Lafayette and Mabel Bryson were at

the breakwater with two or three barrels each.

Catch of Sch. Victor Taken Off Cape Henlopen.

A telegram to the Times this morning confirms the former report of a haul of 450 mackerel being made by sch. Victor and landed at Delaware breakwater, and shipped to Chesbro Brothers at Fulton Market, and also states that Capt. McFarland reported taking the catch on Saturday night 70 miles southeast of Cape Henlopen. This would seem to indicate that the body of the fish is still unusually well to the southward for so late in the season.

Capt. McFarland also states that when he made the haul he saw a few small schools, but they were very wild.

Capt. Almon D. Malloch will fit sch. Indiana for south mackerel seining as soon as she comes off the railroads.

May 3.

Halifax Cold Storage Facilities Help Lunenburg Fishermen.

The cold storage facilities at Halifax have been a great help to the Lunenburg fishing fleet this season. So far about 40 vessels have taken bait and there are still 20 more which have made contracts, but have not yet got ready for sea, says the Maritime Merchant. Talking with Mr. Boutilier of the Halifax Cold Storage Co., last week we got some interesting information as to the value of baiting facilities at this port this season. A Lunenburg skipper arrived in port last week from a three weeks' trip to the banks. He had between \$2000 and \$2500 worth of fresh and salted fish. His bait, which he had purchased here just before sailing, cost him \$130, surely a very satisfactory investment when coupled with the labor of himself and his crew for the short period of three weeks. "It is a very fortunate thing," said Mr. Boutilier, "that the fishermen are able to get frozen bait this year, for if they had to do as in the old times, namely, wait until the Gulf was clear enough for them to reach the Magdalen Islands, and secure fresh bait, there would be but a short fishing season for the average Lunenburg vessel this year." Mr. Boutilier says that all the vessels so far reported here have done very well, and as prices for the next few months at the least are likely to be good, there is a reasonable expectation that, although the season is late, the spring trip of the Lunenburg vessels will be very satisfactory indeed.

Seined 28 Large Codfish.

Capt. Frank Mountfort, of Orrs Island, Me., according to the story being told on the Portland wharves yesterday, is one of the luckiest fishermen in the business. Saturday he was out in the Nellie G., which he sails, looking for pollock. He saw what he took to be a school of them, set his seine around the rough water and then hauled away. What was his surprise to find that he had landed a small gathering of codfish, but the cod were by no means small themselves. There were 28 of them, but for all of that, their aggregate weight was a thousand pounds.

Capt. Mountfort took his fish to S. J. Prince of Orrs Island and sold them for \$2 a hundred. It was a nice little yield of \$20 for him and it was earned in a very few hours.

Wrecked Crew Sent Home.

Penniless and hungry, the clothing on their backs comprising all their earthly belongings, the 16 men who made up the crew of the schooner Etta M. Story, which was wrecked on Block Island Sunday, arrived at Newport by steamer Monday. They applied to the city authorities for money to pay their way to their homes in New Bedford and Fairhaven and this being supplied by the charity department they left at once. The men reported the Story a total wreck.

Will Go to Cape North.

Sch. C. Clarence Malone will fit sch. Lillian for a Cape North cod shacking trip.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Trawl bank codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.75; snappers, \$3.

Trawl, Georges codfish, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.

Haddock, \$1.25.

Pollock, \$2.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.75.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.25.

Large cod, \$2.45; mediums, \$1.85; snappers, 75c.

Peak fresh codfish, \$2.25 per cwt. for large and \$1.75 for mediums.

Cusk, large, \$1.75.

Hake, \$1.25.

Dressed pollock, \$1.25; round, \$1.15.

Halibut 9 1/2c per lb., for white and 7c for gray.

Shore cod, to split, \$2.50 for large; \$1.85 for medium.

May 3.

Fishing Out of Noank, Conn.

Capt. Allison, owner of the steam fishing craft Nomad, which operates from this port, and who occupies the Lantz wharf, where that craft and part of the lake boat fleet daily land their fares, is now fishing off Long Island and vicinity in his big steamer, the James M. Gifford, out of Noank, Conn. Capt. Allison commands his big craft himself and carries three floating traps as the fishing equipment. He has just started in and yesterday made a small haul of scup, about the first of the season of these fish.

Changed Voyages.

Several of the lake boat fleet have sort of shifted voyages. Steamer Quoddy, which has been landing here daily, has been fishing to the eastward of late and landed her last trip at Portland, having 13,000 pounds of fresh fish. Steamer Nomad has left her nets ashore and shifted over to pollock seining. Steamer Eagle is also pollock seining and others of the fleet are also taking an occasional shy at the pollock schools when the fishing looks good.

Change of Steam Trawler Skippers.

Yesterday morning, Capt. Herbert Green sailed for his first trip in the steam trawler Ripple, which his brother, Michael, has commanded since she went into commission. The latter at the same time took charge of the Crest, the last steam trawler built and took her to East Boston, where she will take on her nets and other gear. Capt. Michael Green expects to sail on his first trip in the new steamer today or Thursday.